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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: )  
Farhad Barzegar et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2663  
Cont. of Serial No. 09/001,343 ) Examiner: P. Nguyen  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: A SERVICE TO PROVIDE )  
BACKUP TELEPHONE )  
SERVICE FOR A MULTIPLE )  
SERVICE ACCESS SYSTEM ) Atty. Dkt. No. 03493.00299  
USING A TWISTED PAIR )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants request that the following information be entered  
prior to an action on the merits.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert on line 1, --This application is a Continuation of U.S.

Application Serial No. 09/001,343 filed on December 31, 1997, <sup>Now U.S. PAT. NO. 6,347,075</sup>  
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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 21 with the  
following:

--A major problem with this configuration is that interexchange  
carriers attempting to penetrate the local telephone company's territory

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